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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND)
CARTRIDGE DETACHABLY)
MOUNTABLE THERETO) : September 8, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

These documents were previously cited during the prosecution of parent Application No. 10/266,687, grandparent Application No. 09/689,734, now U.S. Patent No. 6,597,876, and Application No. 10/266,744, which is a continuation of the grandparent application. Accordingly, no copies are being provided, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), except that copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,995,774 and 5,572,292, cited in Application No. 10/266,744 and U.S. Patent No. 6,591,070, cited in the parent application as U.S. Patent Application No. 09/697,500, are being provided for the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application cited in the parent case:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>INVENTOR</u>
09/650,752	August 29, 2000	S. Yamamoto

A copy of the cited application is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

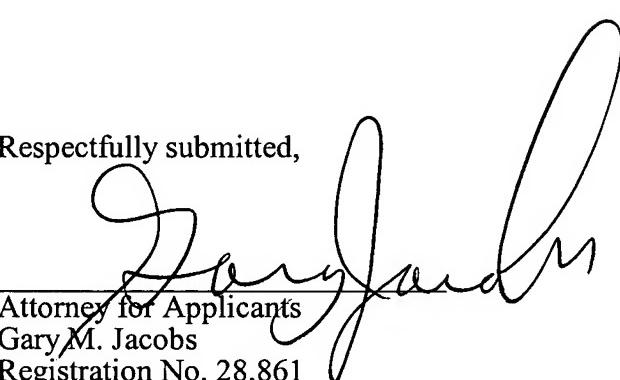
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

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